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SUBJECT: SYRIAN NEED FOR SAUDI CRUDE OIL

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1. MINISTER OF ECONOMY IMADI TOLD AMBASSADOR APRIL 17 THAT LATEST MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA OF DEPPRIMIN FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS HAYDAR AND DEPDEFMIN JAMIL WAS TO NEGOTIATE SAUDI OIL FOR USE IN SYRIA'S HOMES REFINERY.

2. ARRANGEMENT WOULD INVOLVE OFFTAKE FROM TAPLINE AT SIDON. OIL AT SIDON WOULD BE BROUGHT BY TANKER TO SYRIAN TERMINAL AT BANIAS. OIL WOULD THEN BE PUMPED FROM BANIAS TO HOMES FOR BLENDING WITH SYRIAN OIL IN ORDER TO KEEP HOMES REFINERY FUNCTIONING.

3. THIS FOLLOWS APRIL 9 OR 10 CUT OF IRAQI OIL SUPPLIES TO HOMES (REFTEL).

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4. COMMENT: FOREGOING MAKES IT APPEAR THAT SYRIA CONSIDERS

IT IMPROBABLE IRAQ WILL RESTORE NORMAL KIRKUK CRUDE TRANSIT
FLOW THROUGH SYRIA IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
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